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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--18 AUGUST 1962

1. CUBA 50X1

THERE ARE GROUNDS FOR THINKING THAT THE LARGE INFLUX OF SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICIANS INTO CUBA LATELY COULD BE CONNECTED WITH THE BEGINNING OF CONSTRUCTION OF SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE SITES. [REDACTED] 50X1

SHIPMENTS HAVE INCLUDED QUANTITIES OF ELECTRONIC, TRANSPORTATION AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT [REDACTED] 50X1

[REDACTED]

2. ARGENTINA

ARGENTINA'S NAVY CHIEFS, WHO HOLD SOMETHING LIKE A SWING VOTE AMONG THE MILITARY, HAD, AT LAST REPORT, COME DOWN ON THE SIDE OF KEEPING GUIDO AS PRESIDENT AND PRESERVING THE FRAGMENTS OF CONSTITUTIONALITY. [REDACTED] 50X1

[REDACTED] THE US EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES FELT YESTERDAY THAT IT COULD SAY THAT "THE CLOUDS SEEM TO BE LIFTING." THERE ARE NO DETAILS YET ON WHAT KIND OF A DEAL WAS STRUCK BEHIND THE SCENES, BUT IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE GUIDO GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO RESTRICT FREE POLITICAL ACTIVITY FOR A FIXED PERIOD OF TIME.

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3. LAOS

EVIDENCE ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS
FROM LAOS CONTINUES TO COME IN. YESTERDAY,

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THE NORTH VIETNAMESE
FORCES IN THE NHOMMARATH AREA IN CENTRAL LAOS "ARE TO MOVE
BACK TO THEIR COUNTRY ON 19, 20 AND 21 AUGUST." NO MATTER
HOW MANY INDICATIONS OF THIS KIND SHOW UP, HOWEVER, WE DO
NOT EXPECT TO KNOW FOR CERTAIN WHAT PORTION OF THE NORTH
VIETNAMESE HAVE BEEN PULLED OUT. SOME PART OF THE FORCE, WE
FEEL SURE, WILL REMAIN BEHIND BOTH TO SUPPORT THE PATHET LAO
AND TO PROTECT THE INFILTRATION ROUTE INTO SOUTH VIETNAM.

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4. CONGO

THE SITUATION IN NORTHERN KATANGA SEEMS TO BE ESSENTIALLY
UNCHANGED FROM YESTERDAY. PRESS DISPATCHES ARE REPORTING CON-
TINUING CLASHES BETWEEN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND KATANGAN FORCES
BUT THERE IS NO HARD INFORMATION AS TO THEIR EXTENT OR OUT-
COME.

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